

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application, with claims 1-4 standing rejected as discussed herein and claims 5-29 standing withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter as a result of the Election/Restriction requirement. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on for claims 5-29 pending allowance of claims 1-4.

II. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

In Applicant's May 27, 2008 Supplemental IDS, Korean reference no. 1999-13893 was identified but was not considered by the Examiner. The IDS indicated that United States Patent No. 6,728,659 is an English-language equivalent of the Korean reference and this United States patent was considered by the Examiner as annotated on Form PTO/SB/08a accompanying the March 25, 2009 Office Action. For the record, Applicant notes that both United States Patent No. 6,728,659 and Korean Reference No. 1999-13893 claim priority to identical Japanese Application Nos. JP 9-207321; JP 9-207322; JP 9-207323; JP 9-212581; JP 9-212581; JP 9-212582. Further, United States Patent No. 6,728,659 and Korean Reference No. 1999-13893 share common inventors and are assigned to the same assignee and disclose identical subject matter. Nonetheless, as Korean reference no. 1999-13893 was cited in the prosecution of a corresponding Korean application to the present application, Applicant is resubmitting Korean Reference No. 1999-13893 as part of an accompanying IDS along with a complete translation for the Examiner's consideration.

III. Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness for the various reasons indicated on pages 6-7 of the Office Action. Claims 1-4 also stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has reviewed rejected claims 1-4 and attended to each of the indefiniteness issues raised by the Examiner and has further corrected other indefiniteness issues as needed. Reconsideration of the indefiniteness rejections is respectfully requested.

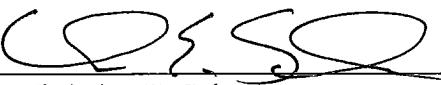
With respect to the non-statutory subject matter rejection, Applicant has amended claim 1 to positively recited "a diagnosing computer system" which carries out certain

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transformational operations of inputted diagnoses data and generates comprehensive diagnosis data for reporting in batch the results of the plurality of kinds of diagnosis performed. It is believed by Applicant that the changes to claim 1 satisfy the current claim requirements for statutory subject matter under 35 USC § 101. Support as needed for the changes to claim 1 may be found in the original specification and, for the Examiner's convenience, support may be found beginning at paragraph [0243] of the published version of this application (US 2007/0057802). Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 101 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding any of the foregoing or wish to discuss this application in further detail to advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number provided below.

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